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SUBJECT: BRAZIL VOTE ON ITEM 23: DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTIONS

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1. FRONT-PAGE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORT ON UN VOTE ON OMNIBUS DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION AND DISSEMINATION-OF-INFORMATION RESOLUTION INCLUDED EXPLANATION OF BRAZIL'S VOTES ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES. UNNAMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL QUOTED AS SAYING THAT BRAZIL'S AFFIRMATIVE VOTES FOR TWO RESOLUTIONS "DO NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT". SOURCE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT SUCH VOTES SIGNIFY ONLY APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND THAT THE REPORT IS BEING NOTED.

2. ALTERNATE EXPLANATION ATTRIBUTED TO OTHER UNNAMED FOREIGN MINISTRY FUNCTIONARIES WAS THAT REPORT WAS A "WORKING DOCUMENT" PRESENTED AS AN ANNEX TO A RESOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN REPEATED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT RECOMMENDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL AREAS AND PEOPLES. IN THIS CASE, SOURCE EXPLAINED, BRAZIL'S APPROVAL DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF THE ANNEXES.

3. ARTICLE ITSELF CONJECTURED THAT BRAZIL SUPPOSEDLY CAST ONLY A ROUTINE VOTE THAT DOES NOT TOUCH ON A RELEVANT  
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SUBJECT. IF THE SUBJECT IS SEEN TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT,

THIS WAS NOT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BRAZILIAN DECISION. ARTICLE  
CONCLUDES THAT THE "APPARENT CONFUSION" IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE  
COMPLEX FUCTIONING OF THE UN, WHICH PERMITS SUBTLE NUANCES  
IN THE SUBJECT BROUGHT UP FOR VOTES.  
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